

Soviets in Stettin

LONDON (CP) — Russian troops have reached Stettin Bay and captured Cammin. Marshal Stalin announced tonight in a broadcast order of the day.

New Trial Ordered

VANCOUVER (CP) — The B.C. Court of Appeal today ordered a new trial for Daniel Harrison, former soldier who was sentenced to be hanged March 15 for the murder of Clifford Lennox in an east end Vancouver rooming house last May 17. Harrison is a former resident of Edmonton.

Mysterious Blast; 6 Workers Injured

MILLBURY, Mass. (AP) — Six men workers received injuries today in a mysterious explosion in the laboratory of the Leon J. Barrett Company plant in East Millbury. The blast blew out 40 feet of one side of the brick one-story building.

Helps Down Ju-88

LONDON (CP) — A Junkers 88 was destroyed in the air over northwest Germany Monday night by a Mosquito of a Canadian fighter command, the Air Ministry announced today. After a burst from close range, the bomber's starboard engine caught fire and it went into a spiral dive, crashing into a river. Pilot of the Mosquito was P. L. D. A. MacFadyen of Toronto and the navigator was P. L. V. G. Shail of New Westminster, B.C.

Zhukov Captures New Baltic Town

LONDON (CP) — Marshal Gregory Zhukov's 1st White Russian Army has captured Griefenberg, 14 miles from the Baltic coast, it was announced tonight by Marshal Stalin in a broadcast order of the day.

John Bracken On CBC Wednesday

OTTAWA (CP) — John Bracken, Progressive Conservative national leader, will deliver an address over the national network of the CBC tomorrow night. It was announced this afternoon. The half-hour address, entitled "Sacrifice, Security and Responsibility," will be heard on the western network at 7:30 p.m. Pacific time. The address will be delivered on free time provided by the CBC in the series allowing leaders to express their views.

Stork Ties Traffic In Streetcar Jam

TORONTO (CP) — The stork caused a traffic tie-up at a downtown intersection here today when the city ambulance department answered a call from a harried streetcar motorman. The ambulance crew ordered the car cleared, bundled the woman into the ambulance and raced the stork to hospital "with plenty of time to spare," the driver said.

Yanks Mop Up Quickly

MANILA (AP) — Destruction of six of the 10 Japanese divisions on Luzon Island was announced today by Gen. MacArthur, who said the remaining enemy troops, effectively bottled up in the mountains, were under continuous attack and "their position is critical." Six Japanese divisions could number close to 100,000 men. More than 125,000 Japanese have been killed on bloody Leyte Island, south of Luzon, making a total for these two islands alone of 225,000 dead Japanese troops, including some of the enemy empire's best.

Crowd in Rome Storms Palace

ROME (AP) — Romans waving red flags attempted to attack the royal palace today and one person was killed either by a bomb or fire from a mounted carabinieri trooper. The march on the palace was begun after a mass meeting in Colosseum Square during which speakers shouted "Death to the king." The crowd, thousands strong, marched to the Quirinal from Colosseum Square after a mass meeting there protesting the escape of Gen. Mario Roatta during his trial on war crimes charges.

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Weather Forecast

Victoria and Vicinity—Wednesday: Moderate to fresh winds, cloudy and overcast, occasional light rain in afternoon, not much change in temperature. Monday's Temperatures—Min. 33; Max. 40. Temperature noon Tuesday, 38.

PRICE FIVE CENTS

Ship Explosion Rocks Vancouver, Many Aboard Feared Killed, Hurt

Fall of Cologne Announced

Canadian-British Army Tightening Pocket At Wesel

WITH U.S. 1ST ARMY (AP) — The fall of Cologne was officially announced tonight.

By JAMES M. LONG — PARIS (AP) — U.S. troops had captured at least a third of Cologne by mid-morning today and forced the German defenders back into the old city section around the heart of the devastated metropolis.

Three divisions — the 3rd Armored, 8th and 104th Infantry — reached the Ringstrasse against surprisingly light opposition. The Germans fought in what once was the walled section of Cologne, the greatest traffic centre in western Germany.

To the north, the U.S. 9th Army wiped out all but one small pocket on the Rhine south of the Dueseldorf suburb of Neuss and drove, with the 1st Canadian Army, into the Wesel pocket farther down the Rhine.

Prime Minister Churchill told British troops on a visit to the northern front last week-end that "one strong heave will win the war."

The U.S. 1st Army, closing swiftly to the middle Rhine south of Cologne, struck within six miles of the river centre of Bonn (101,000).

Beyond the Kyll River on the approaches to Coblenz, the 3rd Army was declared by the German communiques to have made a deep breach in enemy lines north-east of Kyllburg. Its movements were largely blacked out—similar to the secrecy prevailing during the great Rhineland breakthrough. The nearest reported distance from Coblenz was 44 miles.

The 50-square-mile Rhine bridgehead west of Wesel was being compressed rapidly by British, Canadian and U.S. troops battering the survivors of the German 1st Parachute Army from three sides. The German stand there appeared in its last hours.

Both Rhine bridges at Wesel

were impassable, although the Germans were striving to patch up the road bridge for further escapes to hastily dug defence positions east of the Rhine.

Fall of Germany's fourth city was expected hourly as U.S. tanks and infantry rolled through industrial sections in its northwest area and shelled marshalling yards, among the biggest in Germany.

Meanwhile some 50 miles to the north the enemy bridgehead on the west bank of the Rhine was compressed to a scant 11 miles in length as 1st Canadian Army troops moved to the outskirts of staunchly-defended Xanten, key to the enemy's only remaining Rhine crossing-points in that area, and U.S. 9th Army men crashed into Rheinberg, three miles to the southeast.

Perhaps 50,000 Germans were hemmed in by the 1st and 9th against the Rhine bank, but it was believed the enemy retreat still was orderly.

Gen. Cremer's men have raised the total of prisoners taken since they jumped off Feb. 8 to 19,500.

German demolition squads, trying desperately to guard the rich industrial Ruhr left the Rhine bridgehead along the twisting 70-mile stretch from Bonn to Wesel.

The Allies held the whole west bank of the Rhine from Cologne all the way north to Rheinberg, five miles south of Wesel, except for a tiny pocket in the river bend two miles north of Homburg, and a six-mile stretch from two to three miles deep from south of Neuss to Worringen.

Even these were believed squeezed almost empty.

Pilots who flew over Cologne described it as a "dead city." Nazi parachute troops wavered and fell back under sledgehammer blows by the U.S. 9th Army, while British vanguards of the 1st Canadian Army pushing through the Bonninghardt forest only eight miles from Wesel were meeting bitter resistance from Nazi suicide squads.

Despairing Germans Flee West To Allied Lines From Cologne

By HAL BOYLE — COLQNGNE (AP) — German refugees plodded westward out of this wreck of a city as three U.S. divisions stabbed today for its heart.

Men and women of all ages, their faces showing neither hope nor fear but reflecting the despair of all homeless fugitives, streamed toward the American lines by the hundreds.

Some were carrying babies or leading children by the hand. Their household valuables were piled in carts or perambulators, and included blankets to protect them against the March cold.

The last-ditch defenders of the city, estimated by one U.S. staff officer at less than 1,000 were withdrawing slowly into the "Altstadt" (old town) section bordering the Rhine itself.

They were surrounded by U.S. armor and infantrymen.

One-fifth of the 25 square miles of the once great industrial city was in American hands last night. Because the U.S. wedge had driven through main defence belts to within 2½ miles of the river, the German garrison

had to pull back in order to escape being chopped to pieces.

It is the old city that contains the world-famous cathedral and many important and picturesque medieval buildings. The resisting Germans were fighting there mainly with a few mortars, machine guns and rifles and some 88-MM. anti-aircraft guns. Most of the enemy's heavy equipment had been moved to the Rhine's east bank and only a relatively few self-propelled guns remained.

The task of cleaning out Cologne is a big one, for every basement must be searched for hidden German soldiers.

While the centre of the city apparently has been heavily damaged by Allied air raids, there seemed to be no appreciable bomb damage in the western suburbs.

There were still many civilians living there in little brick houses when the Yanks arrived, but they were rapidly moving out, taking the youngsters and a few belongings with them. Already the army is taking over some of the houses for quarters, command posts and signal centres.

Launches Red Cross Drive



"Anything that I or anyone else can do for the Red Cross is most certainly worthwhile," WO. Norman Wharf, R.C.A.F., repatriated prisoner of war, told A. H. Bryant, Hudson's Bay Company's store personnel superintendent, in an interview before the employees today. The Red Cross drive for funds is well under way in the city. (See story, Page 13).

Must Take Few More Notches In Belt, Gordon Tells Canadians

TORONTO (CP) — Canadians face the prospect of taking in "a few more notches in their belts" to meet home front supply shortages which will not end until sometime after fighting ceases, but there is no reason for "panic buying," Donald Gordon, Prices Board chairman, said today.

In an address to the Toronto Women's Canadian Club, Mr. Gordon reviewed methods being used by the board to distribute supplies equitably. His address was broadcast on a CBC national network.

A similar address was delivered

in Montreal to the heads of Women's French-speaking associations by Senator Cyrille Vaillancourt, adviser to Mr. Gordon.

Mr. Gordon said there was always the possibility of rumors about shortages or anticipated rationing causing unforeseen consumer rushes which would bring about scarcities where scarcities need not exist. Control was not the cure for all the problems. Self-restraint and co-operation by the public could solve many of them more efficiently.

"We could and would introduce more rationing if conditions became really critical," Mr. Gordon continued. "But if, as we feel, most shortages are only temporary, or if they can be cured by a combination of public restraint in buying and increased production quotas, then it would be foolish to embark upon an intricate and onerous system of rationing."

Women could be of great service to their country by spreading the impression that the conduct of people who "cheat and grab and hoard, or who deal in black markets or who brag about evading rationing or who complain and grumble about every wartime regulation" should not be condoned. "I can assure you that although the coming year looks like a most difficult one in many fields of supply, there is no reason for anyone to become unduly alarmed," Mr. Gordon said. "No real hardship need be experienced by the civilian population so long as the majority will act reasonably in the matter of purchasing their immediate needs."

"Of course there are shortages, of course there will be greater shortages, and why shouldn't there be?" he asked. "Shortages are, in part, a measure of our war effort. The absence of shortages would only indicate that our war effort was less than we are capable of."

Mobile Russian Units Charging Around Stettin

MOSCOW (AP) — Fast-charging Russian tanks and cavalry swept close to the Oder's mouth today in a threat to outflank Stettin and seize that important German naval base in preparation for future envelopment of Berlin from the north.

Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov, commander of the 1st White Russian Army, already had turned heavy guns, some of them only recently captured from the enemy, against the eastern suburbs of Stettin. At the same time his mobile vanguard steadily rolled up the German defences guarding the Oder estuary.

His troops were said to be driving steadily forward from both Stargard and Naugard, seized Monday. Stargard lies 15 miles east of Stettin and Naugard 22 miles north of Stargard. Marshal K. K. Rokossovsky's 2nd White Russian Army to the northeast slashed deeper into the coastal strip of Pomerania between Danzig and Koeshin.

Nazis Fail With Counterattacks

Field dispatches said German counterattacks organized in the Stettin area with Volksstrum infantry and a smattering of veteran armored units were on an unimpressive scale.

Zhukov's troops struck out for Altidamm, east bank Oder River suburb of Stettin, after capturing Stargard in a street battle that was officially declared to have cost the Germans 4,000 killed.

The Zhukov and Rokossovsky armies seized a total of 230 towns and villages Monday, gains averaged 10 miles. Steadily pressing large numbers of the enemy back against the Baltic coast, Rokossovsky was said to be wiping out isolated groups one by one.

Rokossovsky captured eight towns in Poland east of Pomerania on the approaches to Danzig. Five communities fell in East Prussia in the continuing battle for Koenigsberg.

Not Enough Glass For Repairs

"They tell me there isn't enough glass in Canada to fix all the windows that were broken by the explosion today," said C. F. Dawson, resident architect of the Dominion government, after a long distance call to Vancouver.

Mr. Dawson was anxious to find out what damage had been done by the ship explosion to the Dominion government buildings and give orders for repairs. He said the Post Office Building and the adjoining Winch Building were shaken severely, and that those inside thought they would crumble. Thirty windows were broken in the Post Office, 38 in the examining warehouse and 15 in the Winch Building. The large rolling doors in the warehouse on Cordova Street were blown in.

V.C. On Staff Course

KINGSTON, Ont. (CP) — Maj. John Keefer Mahony, V.C., of New Westminster, is attending the Canadian war staff course at the Royal Military College here.

Stricken Vessel Aflame, Towed Out Into Inlet

VANCOUVER (CP) — Several men were believed killed and scores injured at noon today when four heavy blasts shook a ship at the Canadian Pacific Railway docks near Vancouver's downtown business district.

The Vancouver Sun said it had learned about 150 men were aboard the vessel, the Ss. Greenhill Park, a 10,000-ton freighter when the explosions occurred.

About 45 minutes after the blast the ship, operated by the Dominion Government-owned Park Steamships Ltd., was towed into Burrard Inlet and it was reported there were fears there might be further blasts if flames reached other holds.

Michael Giraud, Canadian Press reporter, said a guard told him several men were still trapped in the vessel, including the chef and the chief engineer. He added it was not known immediately how many were still in the ship.

Second Ship Allowed to Burn

Outlines of the freighter could be seen vaguely through a dense smoke haze. It was several hundred yards out in the inlet. A smaller vessel, possibly about 2,000 tons, was burning nearby and it appeared as if it was planned to let the smaller ship burn and sink.

The docks where the Greenhill Park was tied at the time of the blast are on the south shore of Burrard Inlet, and immediately adjacent to Vancouver's downtown shopping and financial district. The inlet at this point is about three miles wide. North Vancouver is on the other side of the inlet.

Another 10,000-ton ship was hauled into the inlet from the C.P.R. docks, and it appeared to be out of danger.

Hundreds of plate-glass windows were broken in the downtown business section as the explosion rocked the central section of Vancouver about the time the streets were beginning to get crowded for the noon hour.

Officials for the Canadian Shipping Company, agents for the vessel, said the Greenhill Park was not an ammunition ship. It was not known immediately what caused the blasts, but it was believed they were set off by fire of undetermined origin.

Telephoned Report Of Broken Windows

Mrs. Frank J. Turner, who was downtown collecting for the Red Cross, telephoned the Canadian Press and reported that hundreds of plate glass windows were broken in the downtown business section, immediately adjacent to the docks.

George Towill, a Canadian National Railways press representative, said the blasts caused windows to rattle loudly in the C.N.R. station about a mile and a half from the scene of the explosion.

One member of the crew whose name was not learned said he saw a crew member, Bill Lewis, killed as he attempted to run to the bow of the vessel as the blasts were in progress.

Phone Lines Cut To Many Buildings

Telephone communications into many buildings were broken. Unconfirmed rumors circulating rapidly around the fire scene were that men were seen thrown 75 feet into the air and that bits of debris were still falling 15 minutes after the blast.

A. Skattebol, traffic chief of the Vancouver bureau of the Canadian Press, said the first blast occurred about midnight in the Greenhill Park and that the Princess Joan, a C.P.R. coastal vessel, caught fire but the blaze was extinguished immediately. Buildings within two blocks of

the blast included the 21-story Marine Building, the Post Office Building, the Federal Building and the Canadian Pacific Railway station. Many windows in these buildings were broken.

Albert Woods of Yorkshire, engineer aboard the Bowness Park, freighter, which was moored alongside the Greenhill Park, had just put his foot aboard the gangplank of the Greenhill Park to go aboard and have a chat with his friend the engineer on that ship when he saw a puff of yellow smoke and then some flames.

"I can tell you I sure started running," he said.

Not many merchant seamen would be aboard the vessel at the time of the explosion as the ship was just loading, he said.

"She was loading with general cargo for Australia," he continued. "She had a lot of paper aboard and that cellulose used for packing—I imagine that's what made her go up so much. I don't understand where the ammunition came from because she wasn't loading ammunition."

At Least 40 Aboard Maybe Many More

"There would certainly be at least 40 men and maybe a lot more aboard her at the time."

"Our ship was so close to her that I imagine it was plenty damaged," he continued.

"Yes, I felt sort of funny the way I would after a half a dozen beers."

Naval officials later said that the eight gunnery crew ratings aboard the ship had all been accounted for. Two or three of them jumped over the side and were fished out of the harbor. The rest slid down the lines.

Out of a crew of 14 painters aboard the ship six are still unlocated. J. Boshard of the J. Boshard Painting Company, said. Two of his men jumped into the water at the time of the explosion. He said his men were in the ship's tanks at the time, but feels they must be all right.

Percy Churchill who was in charge of a group of nine Burrard Ship workers on the boat at the time, said he had accounted for eight of his men, but that Herman Black of Vancouver was still missing.

8th Army Patrols Probing Spit

ROME (CP) — British 8th Army patrols today were probing the spit of land separating Lake Comacchio from the Adriatic while Brazilian and U.S. forces of the Allied 5th Army seized the hamlet of Bisopra, 13 miles southwest of Bologna.

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Vancouver Officer Dies After Fall
YARMOUTH, N.S. (CP)—FO. Henry K. Billingsley, 32, of Vancouver, died suddenly here Sunday following a fall, officials of the Royal Canadian Air Force announced Monday. Nature of the accident was not disclosed. An inquest is being held. Authorities said FO. Billingsley is survived by a brother J. M. Billingsley of Vancouver.

Here's Speedy Relief for Tender, Aching, Burning Feet
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5 Big Powers to Retain Right To Veto Charges Against Selves

WASHINGTON (AP)—Edward Stettinius, U.S. Secretary of State, now at Mexico City attending the Inter-American Conference, issued a statement to explain the voting agreement for the San Francisco World Security Conference that was announced here Monday.
The voting procedure had been agreed upon by Prime Minister Churchill, President Roosevelt and Premier Stalin at the Yalta "Big Three" conference to fill the last gap in the Dumbarton Oaks plan. Substance of the voting procedure is provision that a small nation may have the right to bring charges against a great power and get them heard by the proposed World Security Council even though the great power itself may object.
However, on any vote to decide that a great power was threatening the peace, or to take action against that power, each of the five great powers would have, in effect, a veto.

DIFFERENCE MADE
Mr. Stettinius said the practical effect of these provisions, taken together, "is that a difference is made, so far as voting is concerned, between the quasi-judicial function of the security council in promoting the specific settlement of disputes and the political function of the council in taking action for the maintenance of peace and security."
"The voting proposal requires that a majority of the council should always be seven members. Since there will be six small and five great powers in

Canadians Decorated On German Soil

WITH THE 1ST CANADIAN ARMY IN GERMANY (CP)—The first Canadians decorated on German soil received their ribbons from Field Marshal Montgomery at an investiture which the 21st Army Group commander held during a tour of Canadian formations of Gen. Crear's army.
There was none of the pomp of a formal investiture in these ceremonies. They were held under trees in most cases with a handful of spectators and a guard of honor comprised of men from headquarters staffs.
Canadians receiving awards included the following: Lt. Col. E. P. Thompson, Winnipeg, D.S.O.; Capt. D. E. A. Caw, Virden, Man., and Capt. Dave Spencer, Regina, M.C.; Sgt. J. E. Dodd, William Lake, B.C. and Sgt. J. M. Wilson, Vancouver, both M.M.

Langford
LANGFORD — Langford residents are looking forward with interest to the coming concert Friday at 8 in the School Auditorium, under the auspices of the Langford Community Club.
In addition to the play "Little Nell," which will be produced by local talent there will be outstanding artists from Victoria, taking part.

be employed, the council would have to reach its decision with unanimity among all the five great powers. Each consequently would have the right of vetoing action against itself.

Mammoth Gun Fired By Churchill, Shell Marked for Hitler

WITH THE 1ST CANADIAN ARMY IN GERMANY (Delayed, CP)—Cigar-smoking Prime Minister Churchill today (Sunday) pulled the lanyard that fired a 360-pound shell on which the Prime Minister had written in chalk "For Hitler—personal."
The episode came during a weekend visit to the 1st Canadian Army in Germany and with a rumble like that of a freight train the shell, from a 240-MM. howitzer in charge of a British major, headed for the Rhine ferry crossings at Xanten, miles away.

Guns loaded the shell after the grinning Prime Minister had accepted a piece of chalk and written his message. When he fired the mammoth U.S.-built artillery piece a dozen brass hats, including Field Marshal Sir Alan Brooke, Chief of the Imperial Staff, and Field Marshal Montgomery, 21st Army Group commander, plugged their ears with their fingers.
"Good shot," laughed Sir Alan as Mr. Churchill turned around, smiling with satisfaction. This personal shelling of the Xanten crossings was the biggest enjoyment the Prime Minister had during his visit to the Canadian Army.
Mr. Churchill said: "I didn't aim the gun so they can't blame me if I missed him" (Hitler).

Won D.S.O. Award Under Heavy Fire

Despite heavy mortar and shell fire and enemy sniping, Maj. M. H. C. W. Allan "coolly carried out the necessary reconnaissance personally and throughout the whole of the operation remained in command, says the citation covering the award of the D.S.O. to the Victoria-born soldier.

The citation was among 106 covering awards for gallantry in action released today by the Department of National Defence. The awards include two bars to the D.S.O., 11 D.S.O.'s, one bar to the M.C., 39 M.C.'s, nine D.C.M.'s and 28 M.M.'s.
Actg. Maj. Allan, son of Col. and Mrs. Hugh Allan, 1008 Deal Street, graduated from Royal Military College in 1939, and arrived overseas with the R.C.E. on Christmas Day, 1940. He was born in Victoria in March, 1919, and was educated at St. Michael's School, Oak Bay High and Brentwood College.

His citation reads as follows: "On Oct. 13, 1944, the Royal Canadian Engineers were ordered to construct heavy load-carrying bridges at Strooburg over the water obstacles formed by the Canal de Derivation and the Leopold Canal, which, at this point, are very close together. In spite of several days of the most bitter fighting only a very shallow bridgehead astride the Strooburg road had been established by the infantry brigade. Maj. Allan was placed in charge of detailed reconnaissance for both bridges, and his squadron was given the task of bridging the Leopold Canal, which was the closer of the two to the enemy. There was only one practical bridge site. Due to the flatness of the country and the shallowness of the bridgehead, this important site was very exposed and was continually under heavy mortar and small shell fire as well as sniping. Nevertheless Maj. Allan coolly carried out the necessary reconnaissance personally and throughout the whole of the operation remained in command and within 50 feet of the site."

M.L.A.'s Address Oak Bay Meeting

The Coalition government has kept the province "on an even keel" throughout the war years, Mrs. T. J. Rolston, M.L.A., representing Point Grey, Vancouver, told a meeting of the Oak Bay Progressive Conservative Association, in St. Mary's Hall, Monday night.
Mrs. Rolston with W. A. C. Bennett, M.L.A., South Okanagan, attended the meeting at the invitation of Hon. Herbert Anscomb, R. A. B. Wootton, president, was chairman.

Mrs. Rolston and Mr. Bennett praised the accomplishments and plans of the Coalition government of British Columbia and Mrs. Rolston emphasized the need of providing returning servicemen with assistance and understanding. She said women were becoming more interested in government affairs and advocated that more women should serve with the government.
Threat of invasion on the coast early in the war, made a strong government absolutely necessary, Mr. Bennett told the meeting when he declared that the present government was far from being a "shotgun marriage." He predicted great expansion and development in British Columbia in the postwar period.

Fine Markets Forecast For Farming Veterans

The praises of the million acres of land offered by the B.C. government to the Dominion government for Veterans' Land Act settlement were extolled by E. T. Kenney, Minister of Lands, Liberal-Conservative, Skeena, in the Legislature Monday afternoon.
He painted a glowing picture of the markets that will be offered the veteran for his farm produce in the lumbering and mining centres that will develop in the central and northern part of the province following the war, and how he will be able to compete with the prairie produce that is now being brought in at high costs.

Mr. Kenney said his department had been disappointed by the refusal of the director of the Veterans' Land Act to either accept or reject the offer of the B.C. government, thus leaving them in the "awkward position of having vacant lands of the province reserved for them with no immediate prospect of a decision."
He told of attending a meeting in Ottawa where an amendment to the Veterans' Land Act was mooted that would give a grant of \$2,320 to a veteran for establishment on provincial crown lands on a debt-free basis, to be used for buildings, clearing, machinery, livestock, etc.

Mr. Kenney listed some of the available lands in the Peace River, the lower Fraser Valley, south central, southeast, and southwest sections of the province, which he contended would be more than care for all the 5,000 B.C. servicemen who have expressed their intention of settling on the land.

GET LANDS IN PROPER HANDS
He promised the government was going to exercise more care to see the lands get directly into the hands of persons who can and will use them properly, in discussing the pre-emption system of letting lands that has been in vogue in B.C. and which has now outlived its usefulness.
Mr. Kenney said an economic survey is being carried on to see what the lands are best suited for.
The minister spoke briefly on the work of the Water Rights

Canadian Officials Welcome Bid For Pan-American Collaboration

OTTAWA (CP)—Official government circles in Canada have welcomed an expression of a desire at the Inter-American Conference in Mexico City that "Canada's collaboration with the Pan-American system may become closer and closer."
Hon. Hugh Keenleyside, Canadian ambassador to Mexico, followed closely the Mexico City conference, although he was unable to sit in on discussions. Canadian officials here also watched developments, but said they had not been informed of the original "proposal" of Chile that Canada be invited to join the Pan-American Union was modified.
There was no desire on the part of the Canadian government that the invitation be extended at this time, and it was presumed in the secret sittings of the steering committee of the conference objection was raised on the ground the time was not ripe.

No Further Appeal For Paratrooper, Girl

LONDON (Reuter)—Sir David Somervell, Attorney-General, Monday rejected an application for leave to apply to the House of Lords—final court of appeal in Britain—against the sentences imposed "on Karl Gustav Hulten, U.S. paratrooper, and Elizabeth Maude Jones, London strip-tease dancer."
They were convicted of the murder of George Heath, London taxi driver. Only a reprieve from Home Secretary Herbert Morrison, could avert their execution, set for next Thursday.

Mutual Association Members Voice Support

VANCOUVER (CP)—A petition signed by 433 members of the Employees' Mutual Benefit Association in Nelson, and brought before the Grimmett commission by one petitioner, was heard Monday in support of the operation and management of the society.

Frank Stuart, who brought the petition to Vancouver, told Commissioner J. A. Grimmett that he could have got 600 or 700 signatures of interior members who were satisfied with the association.
He said that E.M.B.A.'s sales contract with Seaboard Investments Ltd., under which Seaboard derived \$57,000 from the society, was "the only sane

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Saanich School Notes

At a meeting of the Saanich Schools Athletic Association, convened by C. A. Michell, president, the secretary, A. Cullen, was authorized to send out entry forms for a softball league. It was agreed to permit the smaller schools to combine in forming athletic teams to compete with larger schools.
Strawberry Vale school pupils are preparing articles for the P.T.A. bazaar and tea to be held in the school March 16 at 2 p.m.
George Humeaton, who has returned from five years' service overseas, paid a visit to his former school at Gordon Head to tell the children about life in Sicily and Italy. He vividly described the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius, and illustrated his remarks with clever blackboard sketches.

Pupils of West Saanich will present musical selections, films will be shown, and ladies of the P.T.A. will give a play in the West Saanich Institute Hall on March 12 at 8 p.m.
The boys' basketball team gained a close decision over the Oak Bay team, and the soccer team defeated Esquimalt. A seven-piece orchestra has been organized. Rehearsals are being held for a concert to be given in St. Luke's Hall at an early date.
The spring report of the National War Finance Committee reveals that 36 per cent of pupils in the Saanich-Gulf Islands area bought war savings stamps between September and December, 1944, to a total of \$1,555.18. This represented 30 1/2 cents per pupil per month in schools which reported collections.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

At the regular meeting of the Labor Progressive Party Wednesday, March 7, the following topics will be under discussion: "Planning and organizing the election campaign," speaker, Mr. R. Mezer, and "Report on the Labor Lobby," by Mr. Darshan Singh, 1110 Broad Street, 8 p.m.
Community Evangelistic Campaign opened last night in Belmont United Church. Meeting tonight at 8 o'clock.
Dance at McMorran's, Cordova Bay, March 9, 9.15 a.m. Music by Patricia Bay Station Orchestra. Admission 50c. Tombolas. In aid of Red Cross.
P.E.O. Rummage Sale postponed till April 11.
Victoria Symphony Concert, March 19. Box office opens March 12 at Fletcher's.

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6 Canadians Freed By Russians Named

OTTAWA (AP)—Defence Headquarters Monday night released the names of six Canadian soldiers released from German prison camps by advancing Russian armies, who now are at a repatriation camp in Odessa.

The department, which earlier had announced that two Canadians freed from the German camps had reached Moscow, said the next-of-kin of the six men have been informed.

The list with next-of-kin included:

Essex Scottish Regiment — L.Cpl. Thomas L. Danek, 2249 Reaume Road, Windsor, Ont.; Royal Rifles of Canada — Pte. John Thomas Mahoney, 583 Sherbourne Street, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

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Munro Says Nazis Organize to Fight East of Rhine

Elimination of Enemy's Bulge Continuing; Defences Weaker

By ROSS MUNRO

WITH THE 1ST CANADIAN ARMY ON THE RHINE (CP)—The Germans are organizing their defences on the east bank of the Rhine and are getting more guns into position for the battle of the river, a natural backdrop for the shattered Siegfried Line positions in the Rhine-Meuse corridor.

Enemy shelling along the river line was increasing today. Under protection of mist and low clouds the enemy pumped 200 shells into the Kieve area during the last 24 hours and tried to shoot up roads in the Canadian Army sector.

Once the artillery now supporting Gen. Cresser's troops in the last phase of the fighting in the German's Xanten-Wesel bulge can be turned east again counterbattery work will certainly reduce this enemy fire.

Elimination of the enemy bulge on the west side of the Rhine is continuing slowly and methodically. This bulge is approximately 15 miles wide, extending from a point just north of Xanten to Orsoy, due east of Rheinberg, and varies in depth with its maximum about 12 miles.

CANADIANS IN SONSBECK

Elements of five German divisions are fighting a rearguard action, but Canadian Army troops now are into Sonsbeck, five miles southwest of Xanten, which is one of the anchor points for the final defence. They have invested Xanten and have gained several miles along the Geldern-Wesel Highway. Geldern is about 13 miles southwest of Xanten and Wesel eight miles due east.

The defences of the east bank of the Rhine are nothing like

Salary Increases 'Cut City Surplus'

Granting of unbudgeted 10 per cent salary increases to many city employees and increases of 6 per cent to City Hall employees, were two reasons given by D. A. Macdonald, city controller-treasurer, for a reduced surplus of revenue at the end of 1944, as compared with 1943, at a meeting of the City Council in committee of the whole, Monday.

The city's surplus of revenue over expenditure, exclusive of land department revenue, for 1944 was less than half the amount on hand at the end of 1943, Mr. Macdonald said.

Figure for 1944 was \$160,000, he said, while the figure for 1943 was \$324,000. Land sale revenue carried forward from 1944 was \$170,000 and that carried forward from 1943 was \$141,000. Mr. Macdonald said the figures were approximate and those for the past year might undergo revision. He told the council he would have 1945 expenditure estimates ready next Monday.

Stating that the total operating surplus was \$127,000 less this year than in the previous year, he described the city as "looking to the land department to pay our bills." Aid. T. W. Hawkins, land committee chairman for 1944, said the 1945 land committee planned to reserve for sale after the war a large parcel of city land.

The meeting was told by Aid. Edward Williams that the public works estimates, completed last week, would call for \$80,000 more than was budgeted last year and \$100,000 more than was spent last year. In discussing estimates of the school board, Austin I. Curtis, chairman, said that his estimates had been cut to "bed rock" before submission. Aldermen were cut by \$1,000 before submission to the council. A grant of \$2,000 instead of the usual \$1,500 for the Red Cross was decided and will be recommended at the next council meeting.

Egyptian Red Cross Helped Survivors Of Marguerite

Among the subscribers at Red Cross headquarters today was a survivor of the "Marguerite," C.P.R. steamer torpedoed in the Mediterranean, August, 1942.

He told how, with other members of the crew, he was picked up by a Royal Navy destroyer and taken to Port Said. Alongside the dock was a Red Cross truck and from it each member of the "Marguerite's" crew received a survivor's kit.

"We gave our thanks to the Red Cross in Egypt at the time," he said, "but I want to say again how much those kits were appreciated. That goes for the entire crew of the Marguerite, too."

Each kit was stamped "St. John's Red Cross" and contained pyjamas, towel, soap, razor, tooth brush, tooth paste, stationery, pencil, cigarettes, bar of chocolate.

"We were taken to the Officers' Club at Port Said," he recalled. "Three of us wore the pyjamas all next day because we had no clothing. All we had were these Red Cross supplies until the company advanced enough money for us to buy clothing and necessities."

He told, too, how the "Marguerite" had for a time been engaged in removing Greek refugees from Cyprus. Most of them came from the mainland and had been driven to the island in open boats by the Nazis.

He noted that for the first time the Red Cross appeal for \$10,000,000 from Canada includes sums to be spent in aiding European countries. Altogether \$10,000,000 of this amount will go to Greek War Relief.

Citations Describe Sappers' Work In Rescuing Airborne Troops

OTTAWA (CP)—Cool courage of three Canadian sappers who guided tipsy stormtroops through murky, rain-fashed Neder Rhine waters Sept. 25 to aid the evacuation of heroic British airborne troops was described today when Defence Headquarters released citations covering 106 awards for northwest European fighting last fall.

Military Medals went to sappers David John McReady, Calgary; Raymond Lebouthillier, Ste. Bernadette, Que., and Harry Dacker, Thick, Kirkland Lake, Ont., and their citations tell some of the details of that historic night when the airborne men were forced to retire from their hard-won bridgehead.

The citations covered awards of two bars to the Distinguished Service Order, 11 D.S.O.'s, one bar to the Military Cross, 39 M.C.'s, nine Distinguished Conduct Medals and 28 Military Medals.

Most of the awards were for heroism in the bitter October fighting that resulted in the clearing of the Schelde estuary and the freeing of the port of Antwerp.

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Stresses Cariboo As Tourist Country

Tourists in Victoria should be encouraged to visit the Cariboo also, according to Lieut. Louis Le Bourdais, M.L.A. He told the Tourist Trade Group at a luncheon meeting at Spencer's, Monday, that if this were done visitors would make a longer stay in the province and would spend more money.

He noted that the Cariboo now has a number of good tourist hotels, also dude ranches and facilities for hunting and fishing. He said that visitors could go through to Prince George by a first-class highway and that the road between Prince George and Jasper was nearing completion.

"No tourist is ever exploited in the Cariboo," he said. "Most meals cost no more than 50 cents."

V. A. Cory was appointed chairman of a committee to look into costs of planting wild flowers in vacant lots throughout the city and along the highway to Duncan. In advocating the idea Mr. Cory said he believed it could be carried out with a small cost. He also said that unusual features of the city should be stressed and suggested having bagpipers in Highland dress at the dock to greet visitors.

In order to discuss postwar plans for Victoria's tourist industry, members decided to hold meetings once a month. J. E. Neely presided and said the Tourist Trade Group had agreed to back plans for an International Drama Festival. He noted that Chamber of Commerce directors had already endorsed the plans for this festival.

Harbor Committee To Consider Plans For Development

Fred W. Hawes, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce harbor development committee, has called a meeting of his committee for tomorrow afternoon at 4.

"As chairman of the committee, I have been very interested in the many discussions in connection with the available docking facilities here," said Mr. Hawes today, "and there is no question but that we have a serious problem to face. Prior to the war, Victoria was included on the regular scheduled port of call with some eight or 10 combination passenger and freight lines. Furness (Pacific) Ltd., Royal Mail and Donaldson Line called at Victoria every two weeks from the United Kingdom. The Olsen and Johnson Lines also called from the United Kingdom once a month. The American Mail Line from the Orient about twice a month. The Pacific Steamships Line from California every week or twice a week and the Grace Line from California and New York every two weeks. All carried both passengers and freight. We also had the Kingsley Navigation Co. from California every 10 days with freight only, also the Vancouver-St. Lawrence Line from eastern Canadian ports every three weeks. Besides these we had numerous tramp vessels calling at this port for lumber."

"Our problem now is to be in a position to offer suitable docking and shipping facilities to these and other lines on their resumption of regular schedules following the war. While no one would suggest that work of this kind should be undertaken at the expense of the war effort, at the same time we must be prepared to go ahead just as soon as the opportunity presents itself."

"We must not overlook the golden opportunity that will present itself after the war. Victoria is in the unique position of being so situated that steamship lines can take advantage of smaller parcels consigned to the Canadian west coast and unload at Victoria. Frequently the amount of freight offered in these shipments is sufficient to warrant the added expense of vessels going to Vancouver, which is much more costly both in loss of time and extra charges. This brings up the problem of transshipment by rail to eastern points. While we enjoy this advantage with one of our transcontinental railways from Ogden Point, no such advantage is available with the other railway from any deep sea dock. Any harbor development plans must include provision for the overcoming of this problem so that both railway companies have access to our deep sea shipping."

"We can look forward in the not too distant future when Canadian factories both in the mid-west and eastern Canada will be looking for an avenue of shipping through a west coast port. If Victoria is on her toes she might well become the western terminal for the bulk of these shipments to and from the east."

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In-Esquamalt Court

Godfrey Keith Conway and Herbert George Manuel, who pleaded guilty in Esquamalt police court Monday to charges of making false allegations to Canadian naval officers, thereby effecting public mischief, were remanded to this afternoon by Magistrate H. C. Hall.

Frederick Lock, Thoburn Meat Market, was charged with seven infractions of Wartime Prices and Trade Board regulations. At

the request of H. W. Davey, he was remanded one week, and reserved his plea.

A. McLellan, service station operator, pleaded guilty to charges of failing to cancel gasoline ration coupons and of giving more gasoline to customers than for ration coupons presented.

In view of McLellan's representations that he had inexperienced help at the station and was absent part of the time, Magistrate Hall adjourned the case to next Monday to give the police opportunity to check on McLellan's allegations.

Found Guilty Purchasing Liquor Under False Name

Walter M. Sinclair was found guilty in Esquamalt police court Monday of purchasing liquor in the Esquamalt liquor store under a false name. At the request of Gordon Grant, Vancouver, his counsel, he was remanded to this afternoon for sentence.

A. N. McKay and Duncan J. McDonald, both of the Esquamalt liquor store, said Sinclair had entered the store and purchased liquor, signing himself on the liquor invoice in the permit book as "J. A. Wilson."

Despite signature specimens by Sinclair, alleged by Mr. Grant to be different to those on the liquor invoices, Magistrate H. C. Hall declared himself satisfied the writing was done by Sinclair.

Sinclair and Louis R. D'Arce were then heard by the magistrate on a joint charge of having in their possession government liquor permits others than those issued to them.

Constable P. T. Doswell told of taking the two accused to Esquamalt police station, where, he said, they had asked permission to get a drink of water from the washroom. While the accused were in the wash-room, the constable said, he heard a clank, and on returning later to the station had opened the top of the lavatory water container, where he had found a number of liquor permit books and blank-national registration certificates.

Later, Magistrate Hall adjourned the case to this afternoon for hearing of further witnesses.

Scottish Cigarette Fund Reached \$4.611

Mrs. S. J. McDonald, president of the Women's Auxiliary to the Canadian Scottish Regiment, announced today that a total of \$4,611.08 has been paid over to the auxiliary from the Times Scottish Comforts Fund. This sum represented the amount donated by Victorians to the fund from its inception last June until it was closed in January.

Two late subscriptions included an anonymous donation of \$7.89 from a group of children and a cheque for \$5 from Mrs. M. E. Kinloch, who has given this sum each month since June.

Mrs. McDonald also announced that disbursements by the auxiliary during 1944 amounted to \$5,347.90. This sum included comforts for the regiment, now in Holland, \$5,098.85; welfare and hospital visiting, \$136.67; children's Christmas party, \$112.38.

WONDERFUL HELP

"The large sum of money subscribed by Victorians to the fund has been a wonderful help," said Mrs. Rupert Guthrie, chairman of the auxiliary's tobacco fund. "It has made it possible for us to send the boys many things in quantities that we feel were enough to be of real help to the unit."

Mrs. McDonald said that in order to raise funds for this year's activities of the auxiliary a tag day has been planned for March 24.

"Our men are still in the thick of battle," she said, "and our work continues to grow. We trust that Victorians will give us the same support in the tag day so that we can continue supplying cigarettes and other comforts to our Victoria regiment."

1,000th Steel Ship Built at Portland

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—The 1,000th steel vessel launched in this area since early in 1941—the S.S. Notre Dame Victory—is scheduled to go down the ways at Oregon Shipbuilding Corporation Friday.

Swan Island has planned to launch No. 999, the tanker Muir Woods, earlier that day.

Discuss Policy

Meeting at Macdonald Hall Monday evening, Victoria Progressive Conservative Association executive discussed matters of national policy which were later tabled for direction from the federal association.

There was considerable discussion on the subject of compulsory training in Canada following schooling. Members were split in their views on the subject.

The executive also discussed action to simplify constitution of the association. F. J. Bentley, vice-president of the association here, was chairman.

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ARGENTINA'S GOVERNMENT OF AXIS-minded militarists must be dumb and blind if the intent of "The Act of Chapultepec" produced at the Inter-American conference in Mexico City does not impress them. Both in the phrasing of its main declaration and the tone of the speeches of its authors a stern warning to the men in control at Buenos Aires is implicit. The 20 states which sent delegates to the gathering pledge themselves to guarantee the territorial integrity and independence of each American republic with "the combined forces of the Hemisphere." A more specific clause defines an overt act and provides that "invasion by armed forces of one state into the territory of another, trespassing boundaries established by treaty and marked in accordance therewith, shall be deemed an act of aggression." This would be followed by joint action—regardless of the quarter in which the actual disturbance originated.

To say "The Act of Chapultepec" is historic and significant for the Americas is to understate the importance of its emergence at this stage of the global conflict. While the declaration is definitely limited to the duration of the war, because the President of the United States has full power to act under the Constitution only in that period, it is taken for granted that its provisions would have little or no difficulty in winning the approval of the Senate at Washington when subsequent ratification is sought. And the far-reaching implications of the pact, the simple language employed to give point and meaning to its intent, should serve as a model precedent for the meeting of the United Nations in San Francisco.

Argentina was not invited to the conference in Mexico City for the very obvious reason that her totalitarian government has refused to act realistically in concert with the other Latin American republics in respect of Germany and Japan. For the dominant personality at Buenos Aires is Colonel Juan Domingo Peron, the Vice-President who tells President Edelmiro J. Farrell what to do and when to do it. Peron's politico-military philosophy is the quintessence of European totalitarianism; he absorbed it during his lengthy sojourn in Italy and Germany and Spain before the war; he became thoroughly indoctrinated with the Hitlerian technique. And all this has become manifest in his "Military Plan"—the "total mobilization" of the country on the basis of "a warlike life and a war economy." Argentina's slogans in the schools, too, follow the pattern of the Nazi creed. For example:

"The new Argentina wants strong, healthy, heroic women. Women exist to beget heroes, not to give birth to renegades. Argentine women must learn to fulfill the obligations set for them by nature."

There is the lingo of the Third Reich. It is in keeping with the suppression of public thought, the liquidation of the trades unions and the incarceration of their leaders, penalties for newspapers daring to criticize government policy, and the other inhibitions inherent in military dictatorships. And all the rest of the South American republics now know that the big neighbor "in the centre" is arming itself to the teeth—under the guidance and financial stimulation of loot from Europe handled by Fritz Mandl. So "The Act of Chapultepec" is an undisguised warning to the men who rule the roost at Buenos Aires.

COUNTING CHICKENS EARLY

LAST FRIDAY IN OTTAWA, MR. JOHN Bracken, leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada, told a meeting of the national association that it was evident his party would be the only one that would be able to have a majority elected to the next Parliament. The former Premier of Manitoba may be right, of course, but if he had consulted the record of political prognostications, he would have hesitated before committing himself in such categorical fashion.

We remember very well that about three weeks before the federal general election in 1926—the contest involving the constitutional issue and marked by a good deal of hysteria from the pocket-imperialists—the organizer of the then National Conservative Party, who afterwards became Premier of British Columbia, returned to Victoria from a Dominion-wide tour and assured the faithful, perorators that Mr. Meighen would "sweep the country." He described his leader's stock as a "wave" nothing could stop. But the five minute whistle "shadow cabinet" lasted five days elected 25 fewer members than the Liberal Party under Mr. Mackenzie King; and although the Prime Minister who had been compelled to take a short "holiday" in opposition had insufficient of a following for a majority over all other parties, he could always depend upon the support of the Progressives and Independent Liberals on major issues. Nor was this all; Mr. Meighen himself was defeated in his own constituency of Portage la Prairie—and departed from the political stage until Prime Minister Bennett called him to the Senate six years later.

At Friday's meeting of the Dominion Progressive Conservative Association, incidentally, Mr. Bracken challenged the King government to appoint a Royal Commission

of three Supreme Court justices, "preferably with military service," to inquire into and report on the whole matter of reinforcements, desertions and discipline in the Canadian army since General McNaughton became Minister of National Defence. We are not suggesting that the leader of the Progressive Conservative Party would like such a "fishing expedition" before a general election, if only to produce a little more of the frustration upon which an opposition depends to make capital in political campaigns. It is not likely, however, that either the government or the Canadian public will take his "challenge" seriously. It is a partisan manoeuvre at best. The electorate is more concerned about the future, what government it shall elect to deal with the imponderables of the peace, rather than one bent on raking the dead ashes of the past.

Perhaps Mr. Bracken will not be so enthusiastic about his Royal Commission in the light of the statement issued during the week-end by the Department of National Defence. This revealed that one private soldier had thrown his rifle and two kit-bags overboard as he was crossing the gang-plank of the ship about to take him and others overseas. "I figured," said the offender during the court-martial proceedings, "the military police would take me off the boat when I did this." But the following day from the statement Mr. Bracken issued on the eve of the polling in Grey North, the impression got abroad—and circulated all over the United States and throughout Britain and the battlelines in continental Europe—that hundreds and thousands had rebelled in like manner to halt their journey.

With the facts of the case now public property, and remembering that General McNaughton had previously disposed of the motive of Mr. Bracken's charge by calling it a "diabolical untruth," the demand of the Progressive Conservative leader for a Royal Commission loses a good deal of its point. At the same time, it is his business and his privilege to persist, if he so desires, regardless of his political wisdom or otherwise. And it remains to be seen how good he is at predicting election results. We shall remember the one he made at Ottawa last Friday.

A NEW FRIEND

SOME FORMALITY, NO DOUBT, SHOULD attend the welcome this city gives to the representative of a great power who comes here to maintain an official post and conduct official business. But Victoria finds it difficult to follow that course with United States consuls. The city welcomes them and accepts them as a family would receive a favorite relative.

Victoria's experience with men appointed to that office has been a happy one. United States consuls do not merely come to this capital. They become a part of it. Mr. Troy L. Perkins, who succeeds Mr. Robert L. Smyth in that capacity, will have noticed his acceptance here in that light. He is now a member of the city family just as he is a representative of Washington, D.C. The acquisition to Victoria is in keeping with the notable character of men who have previously held the office here. Mr. Perkins, a native of Kentucky, has been 15 years in his country's foreign service, occupying posts in South America and China as well as in the Department of State at Washington. On the record of the men who have preceded him, Victoria looks forward to continued pleasant associations and offers his immediate family the same friendliness as that accorded those of his predecessors around the new hearth to which they have been admitted.

FUNDS TO BUY LIFE

THERE HAS BEEN NOTHING LACKING in the contributions of Victorians in the active theatres of this war. Men in uniform have maintained and enhanced the reputation of the city among their brothers-in-arms. But as their efforts increase in tempo, as they take their part in the mounting fury of the attack on Hitler's Reich, the needs of their injured and those who have been taken prisoner grow.

To them the Canadian Red Cross takes comfort, the means of existence, the supplements which frequently make the difference between living and perishing. Victorians realize that fact. In their hearts they wish to do all they can to bring their men back to peacetime homes. And early donations in the present Red Cross campaign prove their willingness to help. Citizens are not asking themselves whether or not they should make contributions. They are asking how much they can give. This may be the last drive of its kind while the war in Europe continues. It calls for a major effort from those at home.

The Victoria quota is \$100,000. That is the bare minimum which officials expect to exceed by as much as last year, when \$143,000 was collected here. This is not a time for penny-pinching. Each donation helps to buy life for some Canadian who needs food in a prison camp, who needs additional care in hospitals. No amount of money will bring back those who have gone. But donations to the Red Cross now help the living in their fight to live.

NOTES

A liberated country is one where the people no longer have anything to fear but one another.

If this war was meant to teach us something, we'd better learn faster and reduce the tuition cost.

Home for most people is a place where they can talk back in a nasty way without being socked, fired or arrested.

Let's call it a worker shortage. There is plenty of manpower, but a large part of it is settled on a soft spot for the duration.

Bruce Hutchison

RUSSIA AND THE WEST

IT IS REPORTED in Washington and not denied that the Russian government intends to seek a loan of \$6,000,000,000 from the United States to cover the importation of essential American goods immediately after the war. If Russia is seeking such a loan, or any other credits, it is to be hoped they will be extended promptly, and if Russia needs credits from Canada, we, like the United States, should not hesitate to grant them.

The word of the Soviet government on any financial contract has always been good. Its debts have been scrupulously paid. But even if Russia were unable to guarantee payment of immediate postwar loans they should be extended anyway. Russia, which has suffered most of all the Allies from this war and has been bled white in the general cause, will be in desperate need of many things when the fighting stops, and deserves the help of all its friends. And while motives of justice and generosity ought to be enough to govern postwar loaning policy in the period of reconstruction, we have to remember also that the prosperity of Russia, so vast a part of the earth's surface and population, is essential to the prosperity of the world.

THE WAR HAS CHANGED Russia in many ways. It has destroyed years of patient industry. It has perhaps literally decimated the population. It has postponed the onward march of the revolution for how long nobody knows. But as against all this loss Russia has gained immeasurably not only in prestige and power but in a knowledge of the world. It has seen the planes, tanks, trucks, munitions, clothing and foodstuffs of the western world pour in from Britain, the United States and Canada and admitted to itself that it could not have won the war without them. It has seen that it can do business with free enterprise nations, that their word is good, their intentions friendly. The meeting between Marshal Stalin and the leaders of Britain and the United States in Yalta is the symbol of Russia's emergence into the world after a quarter of a century of isolation.

Politically and spiritually the grim barriers between Russia and the west have been broken in this war. It remains to be seen now whether the economic barriers will fall. Before the war, as Mr. Gilbert Jackson points out in his penetrating "Facts in the Case," Russia, for its size, did not significant foreign business. Its total foreign trade in 1937 was only worth \$363,000,000, half that of impoverished Italy, less than that of Poland. The Russian people, some 170,000,000 of them, had a foreign trade in that year less than a quarter of Canada's trade of \$1.7 billions.

Russia entered upon its revolution in a world whose whole economy had turned sour. As it emerged from the shambles of the last war Russia found the world against it, fearing its theories of international communism and generally refusing to trade with anybody if they could help it, with results now familiar to everyone who can remember the great depression. Modern Russia thus was reared in an "autarchic, depression-ridden world, and it struggled to survive and build its new society on its own resources.

If Russia is turning to the world now for loans, this will mark a new stage in the development of the revolution. If the world will grant loans to Russia and, later on, take Russian goods in payment, a new chapter in world trade may begin.

The needs of Russia are almost unlimited. Even a highly industrialized nation like the United States, surrounded by a protective tariff, imported \$3,000,000,000 worth of goods in 1937 or 20 times the imports of Russia with its much larger population. After the war the United States government expects to increase imports many times. The history of all industrialized nations show that their imports increase as their living standards rise. Russia thus is potentially one of the greatest markets in the world.

IN CONSIDERING this question the Russian government will be influenced by a new political fact of incalculable power—the Russian people want goods. Ever since 1917 they have been promised a quick rise in their standards of living. They have been promised that they will get the same kind of luxuries and gadgets which we enjoy in America. When a Russian soldier meets an American in some lonely outpost of this war he tells him that soon after peace comes Uncle Joe Stalin will see that his people get more gadgets than the American people ever got.

This expectation of consumer goods has been built up through the years to a political pressure which cannot be resisted, even if the Russian government wanted to resist it. These hopes have long been postponed—first by the inevitable chaos of the revolution, then by the necessity of diverting the nation's energy into the construction of modern factories, then by the need of concentrating on preparations for this war, and finally by the destruction of the war itself.

The Russian people have waited 28 years for the revolution to deliver the goods they want, the consumer goods, the human, household, personal goods that they can use and handle and enjoy. Somehow they must be delivered after this war and without much delay. That fact will affect all the foreign policy decisions of Russia, influencing the government to avoid foreign adventures and expend its energies in reconstruction at home. It will also affect economic policy. The quickest way Russia can get goods to its people is to import them, and the machinery for making them, from America. If America has the good sense to accept ultimate repayment in Russian goods. Whether Russia or we in America have such good sense will be seen very soon now.

Letters to the Editor

TWO 'MOURENERS'

It is an actual fact that on Saturday afternoon last (March 3), I was riding home from town on a Shore Bay bus, and on passing that point on Pandora Avenue where the lighthouse stood, I saw two seagulls—about six feet apart—sitting very still and solemn on the green lawn, their snowy bosoms to the sun, as if in pensive mood.
(Mrs.) TIRZAH E. HOLLINS.
930 St. Patrick St.

WE ARE GLAD, TOO

On behalf of the auxiliaries of the Navy, Army and Air Force, I would like to express our most sincere thanks and appreciation for the way your paper has helped through its publicity, so generously given, to make our series of classes for overseas wives the success we feel it is. Without your co-operation and help I am sure we would not have been able to reach so many people, and we are grateful.

HAZEL KINGSCOTE.
Convener for Overseas Naval Wives for the W.A. to the R.C.N.

SAANICH WATER

When one reads the complaints registered in your published letters on this subject one would be led to believe that the well water now furnished was straight poison.

I want to say that this is poppycock—the water is good and the pressure all that could be desired. When summer restrictions are due the complaints will sing a different tune, also when the deteriorating Sooke system begins to fail we shall all commend the foresight of the council in furnishing an alternative supply.

On behalf of myself and all in my neighborhood whom I have contacted I would say we are delighted with it and are most grateful to the reeve and council for their services in this matter.
G. H. POTHICK.
Royal Oak, V.I.

THE CASE OF JOHN SYMES

Re your item in today's Times, entitled: "Londoner Fought Officials 35 Years, Dies Unnoticed."

I wish to point out the error made in the spelling of the name of one of the most intelligent, also conscientious, men, out of a force of nearly 28,000 men, in 1910, viz.: Inspector John Symes—not Snye—of B. Division, Metropolitan Police, London, Eng.

Symes, who had, in the opinion of thousands of his colleagues, rightly refused to accept the charge laid by two of his subordinates, at once became the victim of his superior officers and maladministration.

He became a most persecuted man amongst men, he was given encouragement and financial help by thousands of his former colleagues, and repeatedly endeavored to convince the authorities that he was right, but to no avail. When, later, Symes grew desperate, he wilfully committed acts which would bring him before a magistrate, usually the cases ended in short sentences in prison, including Broadmoor, as a mental case.

Was it not a strange proceeding on the part of the authorities that Symes was given a pension after his liberation from Broadmoor? But now poor John Symes is "at rest." May he rest in peace.

J. S. PATRICK.
Ex-Metro. Police—P. and T. Divs. 1896 to 1911; ex-Winnipeg City Police. Sergt. Instr., 1912 to 1932.
845 Princess Avenue.

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Today's WAR NEWS Analysis

By DEWITT MACKENZIE, Associated Press War Analyst

It would be difficult to find a better summary of Germany's desperate straits than is given by Dr. Rudolf Semmler, Nazi propagandist, who declares darkly: "Never in our history have we been in such a grave situation. Never have we stood so totally alone."

Germany is about to collect the full wages of sin—and Dr. Semmler shows he knows full well what that is.

HARD BATTLES COMING

This doesn't mean that the Allies haven't tough fighting ahead of them. On the contrary, the indications are that they have. Semmler says—and, I believe, correctly—that the "German command is preserving the highest possible number of troops for the decisive battle."

Field Marshal von Rundstedt appears to have succeeded in getting a large number of his first-class troops—his "striking armies"—across to the east side of the Rhine. Many of the men he left to fight a rearguard action have been distinctly third-line, although he assigned first-line

forces to the defence of the strategic bridgeheads. This means that he may be able to put up a stiff fight when Gen. Eisenhower puts his forces over the Rhine for the drive to meet the Russians in Berlin. And don't let anyone tell you that the crossing won't be tough, for it bids fair to be one of the major amphibious operations of the war—carried in part by naval units.

The Germans won't know—and most certainly we stay-at-homes won't know—when or where the crossings are to be attempted until Eisenhower suddenly rushes his equipment and troops to the chosen spot and makes whirlwind preparations for the assault. It's a fair guess, however, that he will make crossings in several places. While he might essay this new drive soon, the signs are that he will make a considerable pause to get fully set.

The battle for the great Prussian city of Cologne—arrogant symbol of German militarism—seems to be about finished through lack of German resistance.

COMES AS SURPRISE

This is a pleasant surprise, for the Germans had been expected to put up a stiff fight to hold this prize, both for its moral effect and to protect the huge Hohenzollern bridge across the Rhine. Rundstedt could have made a strong stand there if he had so elected, for I know from having wandered many a time through the narrow and crooked streets of the old city that infantry could put up a good defence there.

It is not an exaggeration to say that this is the most stirring moment in Japan's recent history. It is a momentous period because every Japanese realizes that these (Philippine) battles will decide his future and because everyone knows that this series of battles is the most decisive since the beginning of the China incident—Domei, Japanese news agency.

SPIT and POLISH

is all right in its way, but it can't compare with the new polishing cloth for all metal surfaces. The polish is right in the cloth.—25¢

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PURE LARD, bulk, per lb.	13c	BEEF DRIPPING, fresh rendered, per lb.	5c

MEATS—AS CUT IN CASE

Blade Roasts, Beef, lb.	20c	Blade and Chuck Steaks, lb.	21c	Stew Beef, boneless, lb.	22c
Commercial Sausage, L.C., per lb.	15c	Hamburger, fresh, lb.	20c	Plate Beef, boiling, lb.	12c

ROASTS	Cross Rib, per lb.	22c	LEGS VEAL	Boneless, per lb.	38c
LIVER	Beef, sliced, per lb.	22c	HEARTS	Beef, per lb.	12c

ROLLED RIB ROASTS	Outside, per lb.	32c	Inside, per lb.	42c	
SPARE RIBS	Per lb.	13c	PORK KIDNEYS	Per lb.	15c

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Loaf Roast Pork, per lb.	40c	Plate Beef, centres, per lb.	15c	Pork Tenderloins, per lb.	43c
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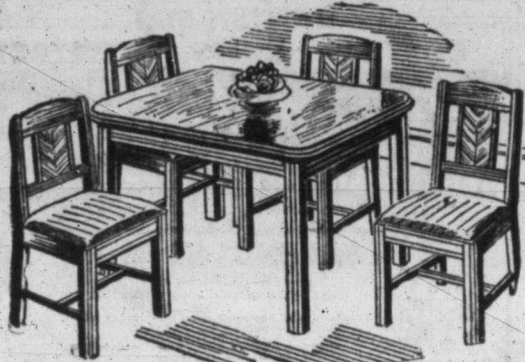
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Sizes 22 to 26. 139

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Sizes for 3 to 12 years. 140

BOYS' OVERALLS with bib and shoulder straps. Of cotton Bedford cords; brown, green and blue shades. Sizes for 4 to 8 years. A pair. 140

LONG PANTS for boys and youths, made from heavy cotton tweeds. Dark shades, checks and other weaves. Freshrunk materials, finished with belt loops and cuffs. 200

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a pair. —Boys' Store, Government St.

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These are knit from an excellent weight rayon mixture yarn of first quality, and, at the special price, represent real value and a definite saving on your ankle sock needs. Shown in a good choice of plain shades in turn-down cuff style. Sizes 8 1/2 to 10 1/2.

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Well-made, durable breeches, fine for the boys' school or general wear. Made from excellent quality, good-looking striped cotton worsteds in practical dark shades. Sizes 26 to 34.

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10-oz. bottle, 18-oz. pnt.

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Sizes 4 to 8

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Announcements to appear under this heading will be accepted at the Times Advertising Department. Minimum charge \$1.50 for 10 lines, and 35c for each additional line.

Lieut. and Mrs. F. A. Raines, 3042 Donald Street, announce the engagement of their youngest daughter, Mary Alice, to L.T. William S. Beaton, R.C.N.V.R., only son of Capt. and Mrs. W. J. Beaton, Winnipeg. The marriage will take place March 24, at St. Martin's-in-the-Field, at 8 p.m.

Club Calendar

Municipal Chapter, I.O.D.E., full executive meeting, Friday, 10.30, headquarters. St. Alban's ladies' guild, rummage sale, Saturday, 9.30, S.O.E. Hall. Donations may be left at the parish hall before noon Friday. Mission to Lepers, Thursday, 3. Y.W.C.A. Dr. J. B. Rowell will speak.

Oak Bay Art Centre

Oak Bay Community Art Centre, Wednesday evening, will begin a study of water color technique, and also the knowledge gained last Wednesday from Mrs. Ina D. Uthoff's demonstration on the use of composition in painting, will be put to practical use. All Oak Bay artists and high school students interested in art are welcome. The meetings are held each Wednesday evening at 8, in an annex of the old Oak Bay High School, Oak Bay Avenue.

Donate to Solarium

The sum of \$25 was donated to the Solarium at the meeting Monday of Florence Nightingale Chapter, I.O.D.E. when members were guests of Mrs. J. Baker, honorary regent, at tea. A donation of \$5 was also made to the war services libraries. Mrs. F. Baulis, regent, and Mrs. K. Mills, standard-bearer, were appointed delegates to the provincial annual meeting. Mrs. T. Lumsden will convene the bridge tea April 4 at the Y.W.C.A. Mrs. F. Huellin reported money and prizes had been given needy patients in the sunroom.

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She felt miserable—draggy—low in vitality—lives in a haze. She hadn't thought of her kidneys, until a friend suggested Dodd's Kidney Pills. At once she felt better. The "washed out" feeling was soon replaced by clear headed energy and restful sleep. Headache, backache, lassitude and other signs of faulty kidneys disappeared. 112

Personals

Maj. and Mrs. Christopher Burton of Ottawa, who are spending the former's furlough at the coast, arrived in Victoria today.

Miss Nora Turner has returned to Victoria after visiting her parents, Maj. and Mrs. F. C. Turner, Ganges Harbor.

Mrs. Frank Morris of Victoria spent the week-end at Ganges Harbor, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Peter.

Mrs. Wilson Johnson left this week for Ottawa, to join her husband Lieut. W. F. Johnson, R.C.N.V.R., who is now stationed in the east.

Mrs. F. T. Cook, who has arrived from Edmonton to make her home in Victoria, was guest of honor on several occasions prior to her departure.

Mrs. Evelyn Beardmore, who has been a guest at the Empress Hotel for the past month, is staying at the Hotel Vancouver prior to returning to her Montreal home.

Cmdr. and Mrs. Henry Ruitan of Victoria are the guests of Surgeon-Lt. Cmdr. J. W. Frost, recently returned from active service in England, and Mrs. Frost, at their summer home, Birch-trees, Hope, B.C.

Sgt. Jean Eyres, R.C.A.F. (W.D.) and Miss Joy Eyres, student at U.B.C., spent the week-end in Victoria with their parents, Fitt. Lt. Leslie Eyres, M.L.A. for Chilliwack, and Mrs. Eyres, at the Sussex Hotel.

Miss Elizabeth MacNair, whose marriage will take place this month, was honored Monday evening when Miss Evelyn Rhodes, Shelbourne Street, entertained with a cup-and-saucer shower. Little Beverly Gerlock presented the gifts to the bride-elect. Other guests were Mesdames James MacNair, A. Milligan, J. Stewart, A. Walter, S. Terenzek, J. Rhodes and the Misses H. Smethurst, K. Heap, Helen Roberts, Isobel Shireff, Beatrice Roberts and Margaret Heap.

Miss Peggy Laughlin, March bride-elect, and an employee of the B.C. Electric during the past three years, was guest of honor at a tea held at the Nutshell. Miss Laughlin was presented with a silver embossed glass flower bowl with matching candlestick holders. Mrs. Laughlin presided at the tea table, assisted by Mrs. M. Foulds, Mrs. J. Porter and Misses C. Wharton and S. Thorburn. Twenty-five of the bride-elect's fellow employees attended.

Beta Sigma Phi To Hold Reception

To promote interest in the aims of Beta Sigma Phi, international social and cultural sorority, and to honor Mrs. Esther Lewis, representative from Kansas City, who is visiting in the city, Zeta Chapter will entertain at a reception Thursday evening at the Empress Hotel.

Receiving the guests will be Miss Frances Law, president; Mrs. T. Hammond, director, and Mrs. T. H. Johns, social sponsor. A short program will be presented by Mrs. Lewis, who will speak on the aims of the organization; Miss Vera Waller, "Cultural Programs"; Miss Helen Porter, "Social Affairs"; Mrs. Jean Lewis, "War Projects"; Miss Brenda Phillips of Vancouver, "Transfer of Membership."

Auxiliary to Present 'The Willow and I'

"The Willow and I," presentation of the Victoria Little Theatre and Dramatic School, will be sponsored by the Junior auxiliary to the Royal Jubilee Hospital. The effort will be convened by Mrs. Noel Collinson. The president, Mrs. H. T. Goodland, welcomed into office at the Monday meeting, Mrs. D. H. Frith, secretary, and Mrs. T. A. Brown, treasurer.

In June, Mrs. Arthur Cox will convene a dance recital by pupils of Wynne Shaw's School of Dancing. Mrs. R. S. O'Meara, convenor of dolls for the bazaar, has purchased the dolls and requested members to take dolls for dressing.

Mrs. Conway Parrott, knitting convenor, will welcome new members. The knitting committee will meet Tuesday. Mrs. R. A. Wootton reported 10 home visits made, and Mrs. F. G. Aldous reported 84 visits paid to hospital patients. Mrs. H. L. Robinson reported on the vocational showcase. Next meeting will be Tuesday.

Miss M. McBride, director, social service to the hospital, presented a report on several cases given assistance. Mrs. S. Shelton will convene assistance of the auxiliary in the tag day, April 7, for the hospital. Next meeting will be April 9, at 2.30, in the Nurses' Home.

Return From German-Held Territory



MRS. GEORGE E. PICKARD AND BILL

The joy of returning to Canada, after spending five long years in German-held territory has been dulled for Mrs. George E. Pickard and her son, Bill, with the knowledge that Bill's father is still in a concentration camp in Bremen, Germany.

Mrs. Pickard and Bill are visiting at the Empress Hotel with her parents, Mr. H. R. Earl, managing director of the Saskatchewan Mutual Insurance Co., Saskatoon, and Mrs. Earl.

Mr. Pickard, who is an engineer with Massey-Harris Co., left Toronto seven and a half years ago for Lille, France, accompanied by his wife and Bill, who was then a baby.

Gives Tips On Mail For Fighting Forces

"Mail often means, literally, the difference between life and death to a man on active service," Mrs. E. G. Weeks, wife of Maj.-Gen. Weeks, at present overseas with Canadian Military Headquarters, told members of the Women's Canadian Club meeting at the Empress Hotel Monday.

"The only link that a fighting man has with home, are the letters and parcels he receives," Mrs. Weeks continued. "Letters to the troops must be written carefully, for worry over things at home might cause the second's inattention which would cost a life. Commanders have told me they can tell the quality of the mail being received by the men through the number of casualties."

Mrs. Weeks stressed the importance of writing the everyday happenings of the family and neighbors rather than comments on sickness and rationing. "If there is a serious situation at home," she said, "the soldier should be told, but he should also be told in the same letter, the solution to the problem. Remember he is a long way from home and can do nothing. The solution to the problem may not reach him for weeks and those weeks will be filled with foreboding for him."

The battle-tale letter from a well-meaning friend beginning, "I don't like to tell you, but I think you should know," was warned against by Mrs. Weeks. She told of the 300 investigations made every month into the lives of families of army personnel with 75 per cent caused by this type of mail, for which there was no grounds.

WRAPPING TIPS
Tips on wrapping parcels for overseas were given by Mrs. Weeks including, "always pack a parcel with the pessimistic view that it is going to be in the bottom bog of tons of mail." She recommended a strong box, strong wrapping paper and string that is put on when wet, so it will be tighter when dry. Good alternative addresses are to the O.C. of the unit, the padre or an auxiliary service, she said. Then if the man has been returned or is a casualty, the distribution of the comforts to others is facilitated. When the parcel is opened any valuable article will be returned to the sender.

Mrs. Weeks praised the work of the Canadian postal service, telling of the mail that was waiting on the beaches in Greece when the Allies went in the second time, Canadians taking part in

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Shower of Dimes Planned for April

Solarium Junior League met Monday evening and made further plans for the annual Shower of Dimes for which Mrs. Noel Morgan will be convenor. Miss Cora Wharton presided and told members this project would be conducted throughout the province.

Final plans were made for the consomme party, March 17, at the home of Mrs. Walter Nichol, 914 St. Charles Street. Mrs. Graham Harris convenor reported that the Irish jig will be danced by pupils of Miss Wynne Shaw. Carrying out the St. Patrick's theme Billie Kirby and Clifford Horwood will sing Irish ballads. Mrs. J. Bridges will give tenpenny readings. Special prizes will include a cake donated by Mrs. J. O. Cameron and a beauty kit. Commencing at 3.30 the party will continue until 6.

Among those serving tea will be Miss Betty Meade, Miss G. S. Scott, Mrs. P. H. Brown, Mrs. F. Dunn, Mrs. G. R. Laird, Miss Mildred Jones. In charge of tickets will be Miss Kitty Malloy and Miss Helen Baird.

More Girls Needed For Canadian Army

With the ever-increasing casualty tolls coming back from the battlefronts the need for more and more reinforcements has become Canada's most vital problem.

Everywhere in Canada men who have held key positions on home war establishments, depots and headquarters units are being released to serve in the field. The work at home must go on. Dental, medical, ordnance and service corps units must operate at a renewed speed and with increased efficiency. To replace the men who are on their way to the fields of France, Belgium and Holland, Canadian girls are urgently needed in the Canadian Army.

At the present time the C.W.A.C. are the only Canadian women's service who are still recruiting. They are recruiting because in the final analysis in any war it is the army which must finish the job. Qualified tradeswomen are desperately needed. Women who have had experience in dental and medical fields.

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Turn Down Winnipeg As 'Emergency Area'

WINNIPEG (CP)—Winnipeg's application to the federal government for appointment of a "congestion relief" administrator under emergency shelter regulations has been refused.

Prices Board Chairman Donald Gordon advised City Clerk G. F. Bentley Monday that the application had been refused because it was sent in after the Feb. 15 deadline. Mr. Gordon said there would not be proper time for appointment of an administrator and completion of organizational work before spring moving day—May 1.

The HATS

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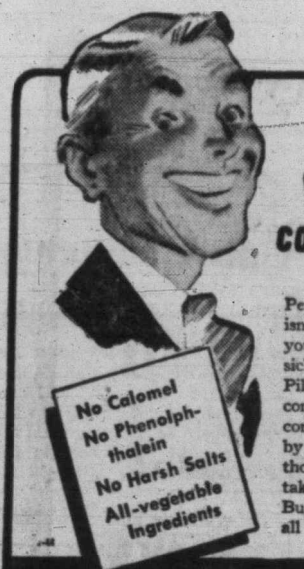
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M. E. MC.

Answer: It is primarily a matter of sex attraction. Some girls have it and others don't, and there is nothing that anybody can do about it. Yet while it is true that if Nature didn't put the come-hither look in a girl's eyes she can't wish it there for herself, still there are lots of reasons why girls who should be in circulation get left on the shelf. The chief of these is mother. A girl's popularity depends just as much upon her mother as it does upon herself.

Mother can shoo off the boys, or she can tow them into the living-room. If mother writes welcome on the doormat and makes things nice and jolly and friendly when the boys come and gives them the run of the ice box, they play a return engagement. But if, when a boy calls on Marybelle, she acts as if he had come to steal the silver, it is goodnight for good when he departs.

Girls can also scare boys off by being too highbrow and throwing their college degrees into high school boys' teeth. Or by demanding too much when a boy takes them out. Or by being too hard to please. Or by being too anxious for attention.

A girl who isn't a natural born wow has to develop a good sales technique if she expects to have plenty of boy friends.

Overseas Wives Classes

The third class for Overseas Wives will be held Wednesday at 2 at the B.C. Electric Showroom, Douglas Street. Miss Marjorie Baird, supervisor of the V.O.N., will speak on the health problem. Those who have missed the two previous classes will still learn much from the third class and children will be cared for by Victoria College students. A special program of cooking will highlight the class.

R.C.E.M.E. Dance

A unit dance and supper will be held by the No. 1 (R) Fortress Workshop, R.C.E.M.E., on Thursday, at 21.00 hrs. All members of the unit may obtain free tickets by applying to the unit orderly room, Bay Street Armories.

Brentwood W.I.

Ten tables of 500 were in play at the bi-monthly card game of the Brentwood Women's Institute. Conveners were Mrs. George Bickford and Mrs. A. R. Anderson. Next party will be March 14 at 8.30.

Portlanders Won't Buy Vegetables From Japs

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—The first Japanese-American to sell vegetables at the east side farmers' wholesale produce market here since returning from war relocation camp found buyers scarce Monday.

Other growers reported brisk demand for crops, but S. Tsubota was treated more as a curiosity than a dealer. He returned sadly to his large mid-Columbia River farm with most of the produce still on his truck.

Drummondville R.C.M.P. Ordered From Premises

DRUMMONDVILLE, Que. (CP)—The Royal Canadian Mounted Police have been ordered by their landlord to vacate premises they occupy here because the offices were allegedly used for "military purpose" it was learned Monday night.

Gaston Ringue, president of the Union St. Joseph, an insurance society, owner of the building, said that since the Feb. 24 melee here when a crowd of residents clashed with provost corps personnel and R.C.M.P. for two hours it had come to the society directors' attention that the premises had been used for military purposes, contrary to the lease provisions.

(In Montreal, acting Supt. J. Brunet, R.C.M.P. district officer commanding, said the notice to vacate the premises had been received. He did not elaborate.)

Mrs. N. Kelly presided at the last meeting of the Royal Club held at the home of Mrs. P. J. Woodley, 123 Wellington Avenue. The sum of \$5 was voted towards buying pyjamas for the children of Britain. Plans were made for a telephone card party. Next meeting will take place at 860 Victoria Avenue, Mrs. O. J. Boulton being hostess.

Log of The House

By DAVE DRIVER

With the budget debate running into its second week Monday afternoon, Edward Tourtelotte Kenney jumped into the political fray to give his first address of the session and his maiden speech as minister of lands and forests. The "baby" of the cabinet made a couple of powerful punches at the C.C.F.'s policy and then settled down to a learned, statistic-cramped account of lands and forests. It read more like a tedious government report than a debate.

After a month of talking, it appeared other business would soon be in order as the House, Monday, held both afternoon and evening sessions. Laura Jamieson, C.C.F., Vancouver Centre, former Liberal and former juvenile judge, followed Mr. Kenney with an attack on Coalitionists for stirring up racial antagonism in B.C. Then came veteran Tom Uphill, lone Labor member, who sang praises of the Kootenay, and who pleaded for better road connections with U.S. towns of entry. Mr. Uphill also urged higher pensions and lowering the pension age.

SASKATCHEWAN LEANS ON FREE ENTERPRISE

Despite all the fine things the C.C.F. had to say about their cohorts in Saskatchewan, Mr. Kenney reminded them that province was still leaning heavily on the shoulder of free enterprise. The government was going to buy furs, but admitted it might have to sell them in the capitalistic markets in eastern Canada and New York. Furthermore, the poor trapper, who had to foot-slog for every dollar he made, would get an advance from the Saskatchewan government of only one dollar on two dollars worth of furs and that at 6 per cent interest, while private firms would lend at 3 per cent.

He hurled a monkey-wrench into the C.C.F.'s suggestion that B.C. should make use of the millions of gallons of waste sulphuric liquor now running from pulp mills into the Pacific Ocean.

In U.S. today private enterprise was producing 640,000,000 gallons of alcohol from the same source, but there was a limit to what the market could absorb. The Yanks were using it for synthetic rubber, but wouldn't need it after the war. While Canada was exporting 10,000,000 gallons annually to U.S., that was all they wanted. It would cost \$1,000,000 to erect a plant to make 1,250,000 gallons annually, but it would only need about 27 men to run it.

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PULLS FIGURES FROM HAT TO SHOW CAMERON ERRED

And Colin Cameron, C.C.F.'er from Comox, had said 20,000,000 acres of forest land had been laid waste as a monument to free enterprise. Mr. Kenney pulled figures out of the forest department hat to show only 360,000 acres on the coast and 323,000 acres in the interior had been denuded in logging areas. The other 19,000,000 acres were denuded by fires caused largely by lightning. Deplorable as it was, he couldn't blame private enterprise.

To members' under-collar warmth at the H. R. MacMillan suggestion that forest protection be concentrated on the forest "heart-lands" on the coast, abandoning the interior, Mr. Kenney replied that the department viewed with equal importance each area and not a single tree would be sacrificed to the ravages of fire where it was humanly possible to protect it.

Worsening of employment conditions for women, wrecking of the home and families, rampant divorce were all blamed by Mrs. Jamieson on capitalism and capitalistic governments. She wanted the minimum wage for women set at \$18 per week or 45 cents per hour. Even feudal lords and barons accepted the obligation of social security, but not capitalism. The lords of capitalism forced it on the government. As examples she told of the Utopias in New Zealand, Australia and Scandinavia, where unemployment had been eliminated and social security provided along with health insurance schemes.

WHAT ABOUT SCOTS AND THEIR OUTLANDISH DRESS

Capitalism was attempting to break down national ties on the theory, expressed in the House, that freedom could be retained by depriving others of it. The Japs were unable to assimilate? What about the Scots? They still wore outlandish dress and ate outlandish food. How would she like to have a long-whiskered Hindu make love to her daughter?

asked Mark Connely, Liberal-Conservationist from Omineca, who had championed shipping the Japs back to Japan. Mrs. Jamieson referred to the wisdom of Abe Lincoln, and added that she'd had many nice Hindus in her home and was willing to run the risks. Anthropologists agreed the B.C. Indians came from the Orient. She found it hard to take



part in the Lord's Prayer the way some members acted in the House.

C.C.F., COALITIONISTS FIGHT WITH EXHUMED REPORTS

At the evening sitting Herbert Gargrave, C.C.F., Mackenzie, formerly a builder and contractor, lashed back at Works Minister Herbert Anscomb for rapping the C.C.F. for having no financial critics. Mr. Gargrave dug up a few newspaper clippings to show the "phony criticism" of Mr. Anscomb when he sat on the Opposition side of the House and had torn to pieces the budget of John Hart, then Finance Minister, now Premier and Finance Minister. James A. Paton rebutted by exhuming numerous quotations from addresses of provincial and national C.C.F. leaders during the last decade on war policy. Mrs. Grace MacInnis, C.C.F., Vancouver-Burrard, had a few things to say about Mr. Paton's statements.

Mr. Anscomb was not in the House when Mr. Gargrave began his attack, but turned up in the middle of it, so Mr. Gargrave retraced his steps for the minister's benefit. Mr. Anscomb, he said, had been willing then to close down the University of B.C., to halt borrowing for road appropriations, and flayed Mr. Hart because he didn't know the net debt of the province, because he didn't know the value of bonds. Oh, said Mr. Hart, those were the Saskatchewan bonds. Yes, replied Mr. Gargrave, the Liberal government's bonds.

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Canada's last defence was her defencelessness.

JAPS CAME HERE AS OCCUPATION ARMY

The Japanese emigrated to Canada as an advanced army of occupation, he charged, adding that Japan had prepared for 100 years war, and about 7,000 Canadian-born Japanese were fighting the Allies in Asia.

The war, Mrs. MacInnis contended, was not of the C.C.F. making, but was forced on them. She related the incidents in the last decade which led up to the war—the Ethiopian dispute, the nonintervention pact against the Loyalist government of Spain, Premier R. B. Bennett's refusal to stop Canadian nickel and scrap iron flowing to Japan, and that the Legislature had rejected a proposal to embargo scrap shipments to Japan.

She quarreled with the government for failing to plan in its budget to keep up postwar production and postwar employment, adding that private enterprise had been proven incapable of running the country's affairs in a way to provide work, income and security for the people.

Leading off today will be Mrs. Tilly Rolston, Conservative-Conservationist for Vancouver—Point Grey, followed by Mrs. Dolly Steeves, C.C.F., North Vancouver, and Vincent Segur, C.C.F., Revelstoke; in the afternoon, and Mines and Trade and Industry Minister E. C. Carson, E. E. Winch, C.C.F., Burnaby, and E. V. Finland, Liberal-Conservationist for Esquimalt.

Court Case Delayed

VANCOUVER (CP)—A legal tangle over a \$4 witness fee Monday delayed a B.C. Supreme Court case for one month at least.

The snarl developed when H. R. Bray made application for a Supreme Court order prohibiting Judge R. A. Sargent from proceeding with a summons to enforce a \$225 judgment against Abraham Grossman.

Mr. Bray told Mr. Justice Coady court officials had refused to bring documents of the County Court proceedings to the higher court unless he went through the formality of calling a witness from the registry office.

This would cost him a \$4 witness fee for the registry official. He contended the documents should be produced without cost. He was given until April 4 to prove his contention was right.



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'Conspirators' Held Over at Dominion

John Garfield personally delivered a kiss to Hedy Lamarr from Anton Drajic, who first made love to her on the screen, and whom Garfield met recently among Yugoslav partisans in Italy.

He introduced himself to Garfield when the star visited the combat areas.

"Please kiss Hedy for me," he said. Garfield obliged when he visited her on the Warners' set where she was making "The Conspirators," with Paul Henreid. This is the filmization of the Fredric Prokosch novel by the same name which is now at the Dominion.

Famed Monologist Appears Tonight

For two decades, Ruth Draper, who appears at the Royal Victoria tonight, has delighted America and England where she has appeared for 20 consecutive years in London and the provinces.

She keeps a record of her travels in her New York apartment in the form of a wall map dotted with gold stars, each denoting a city she has visited and entertained. There are few parts of the globe on which a gold star is not attached.

"I haven't put in all the stars in England. If I did, it would be pure gold."

Miss Draper has a repertoire to delight the jeweled dowager and the pert stenographer, the silk-hatted gentry as well as the tough-talking cab driver. Each patron has been known to return time and again upon her reappearance. In this way she has built a box office appeal to the delight of audiences all over the world.

OAK BAY AND PLAZA THEATRES

Because her work opposite Jack Oakie in "The Merry Monarchs" was so excellent, charming Rosemary De Camp was cast in one of the top roles in Universal's cavalcade of musical comedy, "Bowery to Broadway."

In the film, currently at the Oak Bay and Plaza Theatres, Miss De Camp plays half of the vaudeville hooding team, the dancing Kirby, Frank McHugh the other half.

"Bowery to Broadway" stars, Maria Montez, Susanna Foster, Jack Oakie and Turhan Bey, Louise Allibritton, Ann Blyth, Donald Cook, Donald O'Connor, Peggy Ryan, Leo Carrillo, Frank McHugh, Andy Devine are featured.

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Where To Go Tonight

ATLAS—Greer Garson and Walter Pidgeon in "Mrs. Parkington."

CADET—"The National Barn Dance," with Lulu Belle and Scotty.

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DOMINION—Hedy Lamarr and Paul Henreid in "The Conspirators."

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RIO—Bela Lugosi in "Voodoo Man."

YORK—"I Was Faithful," starring Ronald Colman and Agnes Moorehead.

ATLAS THEATRE

Greer Garson, who specializes in exacting roles, has a particularly demanding one in M-G-M's "Mrs. Parkington," in which she co-stars with Walter Pidgeon at the Atlas Theatre. Not only must she age 66 years in the film, but, except for three scenes, she is "on stage" every moment.

Sole scenes in which she does not appear are those in which Pidgeon tells his former sweetheart, Baroness Aspasia Conti (Agnes Moorehead), that he has married, a brief scene in which Pidgeon gets drunk, and a short scene in the 1938 sequence in which Mrs. Parkington's family assembles for her Christmas party.

Reduction in Farm Income Foreseen

REGINA (CP)—Agriculture Minister L. F. McIntosh said in a statement today that Saskatchewan wheat farmers face a substantial reduction in income in the crop year 1945-46 as a result of the Dominion wheat policy announced last week which limits wheat deliveries to 14 bushels an authorized acre.

The authorized acreage in Saskatchewan is 10,121,000 and the wheat which may be delivered will total no more than 141,694,000 bushels.

With an average grading of No. 2 northern, this wheat would have a value of \$151,612,000, and divided among 138,000 farmers, would give an average gross income of \$1,100 compared with almost double that amount in prospect for the present crop year.

Mr. McIntosh said he had no quarrel with the policy limiting wheat deliveries nor with the initial price of \$1.25 a bushel, basis No. 1 northern at Fort William, but he wishes to make clear that the Saskatchewan farmers' returns from wheat would be substantially reduced.

In the present crop year restrictions on delivery were eased early in the season, but federal Trade Minister MacKinnon has made clear 14 bushels an acre is the final limit for 1945-46.

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Vacation With Pay For B.C. Loggers Believed Assured

VANCOUVER (CP)—Vacations with pay for nearly 25,000 British Columbia loggers and millworkers are practically assured in a new industry-wide agreement approved by the district council of the International Woodworkers of America, officials announced.

Draft of the new agreement was handed back to R. V. Stuart, employers' bargaining representative, Monday by Harold Fritchett, district I.W.A. president, and it must now go before union officials and employers for ratification.

Each worker who has during a 12-month period worked 300 days will receive under the new contract one week's vacation with pay.

For five or more years' continuous service, an additional week's vacation or extra pay will be granted.

Cook and bunkhouse employees, who work seven days a week, will receive a week's holidays after six months' employment, but not more than two weeks' vacation a year.

Practically all exceptions to the 48-hour week have been abolished, and Boxing Day has been added to the overtime list.

A joint committee of union and management is provided to settle all disputes over interpretation.

Ratification of the main agreement may be complete by March 15, President Fritchett said as he expressed confidence the new agreement would further stabilize the industry and assist in increasing output.

A company spokesman commented that "we have not lost a day or an hour during the past year, and labor relations in the industry have never been better."

Salt Spring Island

SALT SPRING ISLAND—The Vesuvius Bay Branch of the Red Cross meeting at the home of Mrs. Keith Wilson, reported a most successful year, 126 bundles of made over clothing, 34 new garments, 27 articles for Polish relief, two cartons of shoes, and Bundles for Children have been shipped to headquarters.

The North Salt Spring branch with only eight members reported they had made 12 quilts, four dozen handkerchiefs, eight pairs of rompers, six laundry bags and eight pairs of boys' trousers. Mrs. A. B. Elliot was elected Red Cross workroom convener for Salt Spring Island.

Eisenhower Appeals To German Officers

NEW YORK (AP)—An appeal from Gen. Eisenhower's headquarters, addressed to German army officers Monday via the U.S. broadcasting station in Europe, urged that they "reconsider the situation of Germany, the situation on their men and their personal situation" and surrender to the Allies.

"The end is merely a question of time," he said.

"Germany's future will be hard, but there will be a possibility of reconstruction. The Allies do not intend to destroy Germany—only the politicians know that their number is up."

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'Col.' Porter, Winnipeg Newspaperman, Dies
WINNIPEG (CP)—Garnet C. Porter, 78, one of Canada's most widely known newspapermen who pioneered news trails across the prairies, died at his home here today.

Known to newspapermen across Canada and in the United States as "The Colonel," he had held editorial posts in Toronto, Winnipeg and Calgary.

For many years "Col." Porter had been a free lance journalist, and had been correspondent for many newspapers in Canada and the United States, and had covered many famous crimes in the Dominion. In recent years his column "The Old-Timer" in the Winnipeg Tribune attracted attention. In it he relived the pioneer days, telling many escapades of prairie badmen.

He was at his desk in the Tribune office Monday, preparing his column for publication. He died in his sleep.

Col. Porter is survived by three grandsons. Mrs. Porter died some years ago, and his only daughter, Mrs. Wilbur Law, is dead.

Sports Mirror

By PETE SALLAWAY

VICTORIANS responded to the silver trail for the memorial arena fund in fine style. Donations totaled well over \$4,000, leaving the Citizens' Arena Committee with less than \$3,000 to raise to secure the necessary \$65,000. There should be no trouble putting the campaign over the top. Success of the tag-day supports my contention that a lot of people were willing to donate to the fund, but just wouldn't walk into the headquarters because they felt what they could give was too small. Good percentage of the money collected Saturday could never have been taken in any other way. That was the reason for the suggestion from this corner of a silver trail. There is every reason to believe now that Victorians will have a fine new ice rink ready for operation next winter.

VALUE OF having alert linesmen patrolling the lines in a soccer match was never better demonstrated than in Saturday's cup tie between the Navy and Victoria West. In the second half Ted Vincent, Navy outside right, blasted a terrific shot that struck the inside of one of the uprights and rebounded out. Navy players, along with a good percentage of the spectators, claimed a goal. Referee Danny Glancy was not in a position to make a ruling and neither of his linesmen could give him any assistance. His only out was to rule no goal.

RECEIVED a note today from Abe Saperstein telling me his famous Harlem Globe Trotters have been again invited to compete in the world professional championship basketball tournament at Chicago, March 19 to 24. Trotters won the title in 1940 and only once in six years have they failed to gain the semifinals. Entry of the Trotters in the tournament brings to five the former champions. Others are the Fort Wayne Zollners, who will defend their title; New York Wrens, 1939 winners; Detroit Eagles, 1941 champions and the Oshkosh All-stars, 1942 champions.

DURING the recent Pensacola, Fla., open golf tournament, Sammy Sneed complained: "I guess the people here don't know much about golf. Every time myself, Jimmy Denaret or Sammy Byrd would lay one up a few feet from the pin, why, you never heard a word from the gallery. No applause, no yelling—nothing." Byron Nelson couldn't let that one pass. "Sammy," he explained patiently, "you're not supposed to get any applause. That's what you're supposed to do—lay them up there next to the pin."

FRANCIS ALBERTANTI, veteran sports writer, who hasn't missed many important sports events during a long career, offers the following list as the best boxers he has seen in each class: Heavyweight, Jack Johnson; light heavyweight, Bob Fitzsimmons; middleweight, Stanley Ketchell; welterweight, Joe Walcott; lightweight, Joe Gans; featherweight, Abe Attell; bantamweight, Terry McGovern; flyweight, Pancho Villa. He challenges anybody to name a better group, and says he's seen them all.

Coast Leaguers Train

Kids and Veterans

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The eight ball clubs of the Pacific Coast League have swung into their spring training grind with reports from the camps indicating most of the playing will be by medically discharged servicemen, 4-Fs, youths under draft age and a few older men.

Herewith a camp-by-camp report on the prospects:

San Francisco Seals had 44 players out to show their wares to manager Lefty O'Doul yesterday. The Seals are training in their home stadium, giving war workers a chance to try out between shifts.

They will be without the services of pitchers Ray Harrell and Tom Seaver this year. Harrell has gone to the New York Giants and Seaver to the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Oakland Oaks, training at Peters Springs, had 23 players, including the veteran pitchers Sam Gibson, 46, and Elmer Phillips, 42.

Manager Dolph Camilli, former Dodger first sacker, said he expects arrivals this week to put his squad over the 30 mark. He said he will play the outfield this

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Major Hockey Scoring

Howe Equals Record

MONTREAL (CP)—The weekly National Hockey League scoring statistics had a neat "50" in the points column for Syd Howe of Detroit today, which means that the veteran forward has equaled the 514-point total amassed by Nels Stewart in 15 seasons of play. Howe moved into the record-equaling position during the week-end.

Stewart has 323 goals and 191 assists when he left the N.H.L. in 1940. Howe is still well behind in goals, but ahead in assists, with his total to date standing at 232 goals and 282 assists. He has been in the N.H.L. 15 seasons, the same as Stewart, and has six games left in which to top the point record.

After 15 years of play, Howe is still up among the present N.H.L. leaders. His 50 points on 16 goals and 34 assists puts him in fifth spot in the standings behind Montreal's big three—Maurice Richard, Elmer Lach and Toe

Horse Racing Opens On Prairies May 24

WINNIPEG (CP)—Winnipeg will have a spring and fall race meet this year, it was announced here Monday by the R. James Speers Corporation Limited.

Decision to revert back to the old practice was made because of the unfavorable weather conditions experienced in the early part of June during the past few years. The spring meet will be held at Polo Park June 15 to July 2 and the fall Aug. 31 to Sept. 15.

It was also announced that racing will return as a feature at the Edmonton exhibition this

Haegg Will Make Second Appearance In Mile Saturday

NEW YORK (AP)—Gunder Haegg, Swedish ace who finished last in a five-man race Saturday, said Monday he would run the mile again this week-end and that he hoped he could cut at least 10 seconds off his 4:21 board floor debut.

"I could have lowered my time by about eight seconds last Saturday night but I saw that I was beaten and there was no need to risk possible injury. I'll make no prediction on how I will come out the next time," he said through an interpreter at a luncheon.

Haakan Lidman, English-speaking Stockholm sports writer who won the 60-yard high hurdle exhibition Saturday night, said that both he and Haegg were in need of rest and work.

"We honestly don't know how to train for our coming races," he said. "If we take the work we need, we won't have enough rest. If we rest, we can't regain our spring. We will have to wait and see what happens."

Dan Ferris, secretary-treasurer of the Amateur Athletic Union, added that he would seek extension of Haegg's visitor's permit in the United States and that he hoped to line up a Pacific coast and southern trip for the two which would terminate with the annual Pennsylvania Relays April 27 and 28.

The gaunt Gunder romped 3,000 yards in an upturn New York park Monday and said he found the terrain satisfactory but that he planned to spend several afternoons with the New York University squad under coach Emil Von Eiling, who prepared Glenn Cunningham, Leslie MacMillan and Frank Dixon for their mile efforts.

"That was one of the finest exhibitions I have ever seen," said Von Eiling regarding Haegg's mile of last Saturday. "MacMillan, who now is in the navy, would need at least six weeks to get in shape for a race like that. Haegg tried it after only 50 hours on shore."

Webster Critical

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP)—Don Webster, Hershey Bears' forward, remained in critical condition today after suffering a punctured bladder during an American Hockey League game with Buffalo Bisons, Sunday.

Webster was injured when a splintered hockey stick pierced his groin and entered the abdominal cavity.

Secrecy Surrounds Baseball Appointments

CHICAGO (AP)—Whoever has the inside track to the baseball commissioner's job vacated by the death of K. M. Landis is being kept secret by a special major league nominating committee which held its first formal huddle Monday.

The four-member committee met here, apparently at the office of owner P. K. Wrigley of the Chicago Cubs, a member of the St. Louis Cardinals. Donald L. Barnes of the St. Louis Browns and Alva Bradley of the Cleveland Indians.

James T. Gallagher, general manager of the Cubs released a 48-word statement from the committee which said: "The four representatives, two from each major league, met to check with each other on progress made to date on gathering data on individuals who appear to be desirable men for the post of commissioner of baseball and synchronizing their efforts and their methods of working."

Three Victoria Hoop Teams Win Island Playoffs

Island basketball playoff games for minor divisions at the High School gym, Monday night, resulted in three Victoria and one Duncan squad emerging victors.

K.V.'s midjet boys defeated Fairbridge Farm 32 to 6 to take their two-game series 46 to 15. K.V.'s junior boys smothered Ladysmith 42 to 18 to win the round 100 to 36, while Bob Whyte's Comets turned back Duncan High School 32 to 12 to win their intermediate B girls' series 67 to 25. Fairbridge Farm midjet girls beat the local Hot-shots 12 to 8 to take their two-game playoff 22 to 20.

K.V.'s midjet boys will now meet the winner of the Alberni-Nanaimo playoff for the island championship. K.V.'s juniors will oppose Duncan in the island semifinals, while Comets will battle Ladysmith in the island semis.

Officials of the city league today announced the following teams have been allocated practice sessions at the High School gym tonight.

6 to 8—Combines and Unitys. 8 to 9—K.V.'s Club. 9 to 10—Victoria Roofing. Three games will be played at the High School tomorrow night. The draw follows:

1—Unitys vs. Rookies. 7—Eagles vs. K.V.'s, intermediate B boys' playoff. 9—United Services v. Tommy Tuckers, second game of senior B men's playoff.

Start Match Play In Feesey Cup Golf

With three-quarters of the difference in handicap allowed match play will open in the Feesey Cup competition at the Uplands Golf Club. First round is scheduled for Sunday, but players may arrange their matches during the week.

The draw follows:

SECOND FLIGHT
8:00—First round of playoff and A. L. Collins. 8:15—Dr. D. A. Macdonald and E. E. Peden. 8:30—Third round of playoff and O. G. Sutton. 8:45—MacKenzie-Grieve and Dr. W. A. Macdonald. 9:00—Second round of playoff and L. J. Procter. 9:15—E. Ferris and P. Clarkson. 9:30—John Davison and C. C. Terrie. 9:45—E. Irish and W. W. Spaven. Losing eight form third flight.

Naval College Seeks B.C. Rugby Honors

Royal Canadian Naval College senior rugger, city champions, will travel to Vancouver this weekend to oppose Varsity Saturday in the Rounsfell Cup final at Brockton Point. This trophy represents the British Columbia club championship.

Thursday at Hatley Park the cadets will meet Victoria College, Intermediate League champions, in a Cowichan Cup fixture.

Tomorrow afternoon Victoria and Oak Bay High teams will meet in the second game of the Howard Russell Cup series, at 4, the Victoria High grounds. The first game resulted in a scoreless deadlock.

Bob Walton Holds Ice Scoring Lead

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP)—Bob Walton of Pittsburgh managed to retain his hold on top place on the American Hockey League's individual scoring race today.

He tallied two goals and two assists to bring his total to 86 points. His runner-up teammate, Bob Gracie, was held to three assists. A quartette of Cleveland players—Tom Burlington, Lou Trudel, Les Cunningham and Earl Bartholme were in third, fourth, fifth and sixth positions.

Penalty Kick Wins

Don Robinson's goal from a penalty shot, late in the match, gave Mount Douglas a 3 to 2 victory over Mount View in the opening game of the Colonist Cup soccer series Monday. Winner of the trophy will be champions of Greater Victoria high schools.

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16-Year-Old Canadian Girl Skating Queen

NEW YORK (CP)—On an alleyway bench beyond the brilliant stage where she had just given the display that won her the North American senior ladies' figure skating championship Monday night, 16-year-old Barbara Ann Scott of Ottawa revealed almost mischievously that she has her pretty eye cocked on an Olympic title—"if ever the games are revived."

And if Barbara Ann's championship style and the company with which she competed for the title at Madison Square Garden can be accepted as criteria—then only absence of the games can keep the slim little Canadian and her Olympic goal apart.

Both Barbara Ann and Otto Gold, her quiet-spoken Czechoslovakian coach, realize there is a lot of work ahead, but both are satisfied with the progress the Minto Skating Club star has made since she began skating at "about seven."

Barbara Ann for the last two years has held the Canadian championship.

There never was much doubt that she was going to take the North American championship once she stepped out on the ice for the final evening display, a four-minute exhibition of free figure skating—meaning she could do any steps she chose.

The judges, awarded the elfin Canadian four-first and two-second places, which gave her the title over the United States champion, blond Gretchen Merrill of Boston, who received two firsts and four seconds.

OTHER CANADIANS PLACE

Third place went to Jannette Ahrens of St. Paul, Minn., with fourth to Margaret Grant, also of St. Paul, fifth to Marilyn Take, sixth to Gloria Lillo, and seventh to Madeline Phillips, all of Toronto, and eighth to Madelon Olson of St. Paul.

While her victory was gained in one night it was no brief rehearsal that led Barbara Ann to the North American title. For nine months of the year she trains on the ice for seven hours a day, 5 1/2 days a week.

"I give her a half-day off Saturday, and all day Sunday," Otto the coach, explained magnanimously.

"Yes," interjected Barbara Ann, "but I have to practice the piano then. I'm supposed to practice the piano two hours a day, too."

"But do you?" asked a reporter. And as her mother was standing close by, the little champ sort of whispered a confession: "Well, sometimes I don't get two hours in."

Her schoolings she receives from a private tutor. The rest of the time—if and when—she spends sleeping, horseback-riding and skating. She likes dancing "but definitely not jitterbugging," and not ballet dancing. "Just ordinary dancing."

"What do you mean, with anyone in particular?" she countered a reporter. "I'm only 16. And I like skating better anyhow."

GORGE VALE GOLF

In the tombstone competition held at the Gorge Vale Golf Club, J. D. Kermode was the winner, holing out on the 18th. W. Neilson and F. L. Basanta both reached the 18th green.

In a women's hidden-hole competition Mrs. McMillan and Mrs. E. Fraser tied for first place, each with a score of 33.

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